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1. SINCE AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS VICE PRESIDENT MICHAEL MILLER, THE EMBASSY HAD HOPED THE COUNCIL WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE THE BURDEN OF THIS VISIT OFF THE BACK OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE COUNCIL, HOWEVER, HAS JUST ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT IT WILL BE UNABLE TO HELP AT ALL BECAUSE OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS.

2. THE INSTITUTE IS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC INSTITUTION IN ECUADOR. ITS STUDENT BODY IS CHOSEN FROM CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS. THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE, GENERAL BANDERAS, PERSONALLY APPEALED TO THE AMBASSADOR FOR HIS HELP WITH THE BRIEF NEW YORK STOPOVER. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AND ASKS FOR DEPARTMENT SUPPORT IN HELPING TO MAKE THE GROUP'S STOPOVER IN NEW YORK CITY A SUCCESS.

3. SINCE THE GROUP WILL ARRIVE THURSDAY AFTERNOON,
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OCTOBER 21, AND WILL LEAVE SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 24,

ALL THE EMBASSY IS ASKING IS FOR VOLUNTARY VISITORS TO SET UP A SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM DEALING WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, OR SECURITY MATTERS FOR JUST ONE DAY: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, AND A COURTESY CALL ON NYC OFFICIALS, IF POSSIBLE, ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON OR FRIDAY. THE COUNTRY OFFICER FOR ECUADOR HAS THE LIST OF PEOPLE IN THE GROUP AND HE WILL ANSWER THE EMBASSY OF ECUADOR'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE, AS WELL AS TRY TO GET THE ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO HELP WITH A WEEKEND VISIT TO THE UN. WHATEVER ADDITIONAL DETAILS VOLUNTARY VISITORS NEED CAN BE OBTAINED FROM HIM.
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